



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5931

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE IN
BRIDGEPORT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On and after the effective date of
2 this section, all state funding and expenditures for improvements to
3 Veterans' Memorial Park in Bridgeport shall be restricted to those
4 works, facilities and structures that are in keeping with a nature
5 preserve and low intensity use of the park, including natural
6 enhancements to nature trails, construction to improve security, dam
7 repairs to recreate a fish pond for restocking, and connections to the
8 North End Library to enhance the use of the park as a nature
9 laboratory for students and faculty, but not including improvements
10 for commercial purposes or for recreational purposes requiring intense
11 development as described in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section
12 7-131d of the general statutes.

13 (b) All state funding and expenditures for improvements to said
14 park under an allocation dated December 17, 1999, to the Department
15 of Environmental Protection from the issuance of bonds provided for
16 in section 4-66c of the general statutes for a grant-in-aid to the city of
17 Bridgeport for Veterans' Memorial Park shall be restricted, consistent
18 with said allocation, to the purposes specified in subsection (a) of this
19 section.

20 (c) If the state purchases Veterans' Memorial Park or any interest in
21 said park, the state shall convey said park or interest to an
22 organization that is not operated for profit, for the benefit of the
23 residents of the city of Bridgeport and with restrictions concerning the
24 use of the park or interest that are consistent with the provisions of
25 subsection (a) of this section. Residents of the city of Bridgeport shall
26 be provided free access to the park as part of any such transfer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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